THE CONVERSION OF OUR THOT HABITS.

Phil.4:8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honorable, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue and if there be any praise, think on these things.

Many unconverted Xns in our churches.

Bldg bot by gov't and converted into a post office.

This morning we wish to talk about the conversion of thot habits until we readily entertain in mind the thots of God.

Jun The scientific experiment with 6 shepherd puppies.

~~Three~~ lessons learned.

1. Our brains can be made to develop new centers of thot, will and emotion.

2. Brain centers can be built up or strengthened.

3. Frequent earnest repition accomplishes this.

4. Developed brain centers insure regular habits of conduct which, in turn, create our characters. The undeveloped brain like the meandering Platte River in Nebraska. The developed brain like the Columbia River in Oregon.

If there were well-defined brain centers in every Xn enabling all Xns to habitually think the things that are true, honorabb, just, lovely, and of good report and causing all Xns to act in conduct and in all relationships accordingly, how long would it take to evangelize the world?

brain centers for right thinking

Have you ~~been~~ converted? ~~in your brains~~? Have you undergone interior reconstruction so that your whole being conforms to God's will and expresses His love and nature?

This is why the world is not yet won to Chri st, why Xty has failed, as yet, in its mission to the world.

Church members who are venders of gossip are not converted The testimony of the tobacco- soaked deacon. He was'nt saved, he was pickled.

We need to examine ourselves.

"Search me, O God, and ~~see if there be any~~ and know my hea rt~~,~~ try me and know my thots; and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."

And we must beware of self-righteousness, comparing ourselves to others and concluding that we are as good, if not a trifle better than they.

Like the man wandering on the seashore alone. "Hello, lobster, lets have a chat. Did you ever drink whiskey, play cards, gamble, play the races, smoke, or go loafing at night? Did you ever swear cheat or wrong your neighbors? Did you ever go loafing at night or sow wild oats? "Never" "Good lobster, normal animal! But say, what sacrifice did you ever make for your kind?" The lobster turned and started to crawl away but the man jerked it back: "Hold on, old, fellow, let's shake. You seem to have all my virtues and my one great fault. We have both lived natural but selfish lives We are a pair of lobsters."

The weakness of New Thot, Auto-suggestion and the like-
They try to develop the attributes of God, such as goodness, love and truth without taking God personally into the soul. You cannot separate an attribute from its source and retain its potency, any more than you can take my arm from my body and use it just the same.

The weakness of Christians- They give themselves to God thru faith but fail to reconstruct their inner being- brains, heart and will- to conform to the life of God within them.
They accept God but fail to develop his attributes within them.

The plain, unattractive Washington Monument in Washington, D.C. And the Capitol Bldg so beautiful and grand. But when the mists settle on the city one by one the houses and bldgs disappear until all but the capitol dome and the upper part of the Washington monument are out of sight. Then the mists rise still higher and the dome of the capitol is lost to view, leaving the upper third of the Washington monument alone to reflect the setting sun

5. in all its beauty. Thus the mists of time soon bury humanity. One by one great souls disappear. At last we see but two- the moral philosopher and the prince of Peace, the law-giver and the Life-Giver. Moral philosopher, capitol soul, wise and attractive are thy sayings: "It pays to be right", "Virtue is its own reward", Thots are seeds that bring forth their kind in the heart of man" "Justice rules in the last equation". O wise man, one thing thou lackest- the Christ formed within.! The mists of time slowly rise and at last rise above this noble brow also And now, standing alone in his divine majesty, is the Prince of Peace. Aflame with holy love! Conqueror of death. He flashes light and life all over a sin-cursed world. How time reveals his deity. How eternity crowns him with glory! From his heart of love there comes a beam of light which forms a path of gold from God to you. Follow the path. Follow Him.

O prince of Peace! Thou Son of G$_o$d, immaculate and free!
Communicate thy life tu us, that we may be like thee.